

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In application of: Masao Fukuda, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: ISHDP165DL

Application No.: 09/996,624

Examiner: C.R. Harmon

Filed: November 28, 2001

Group: 3721

Title: PACKAGING MACHINE

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

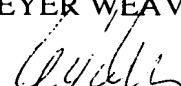


Applicants believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicants hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ISHDP165D1).

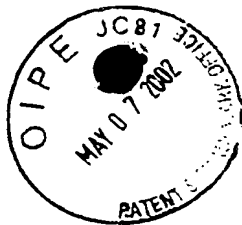


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AMENDMENT "A"

Box Non Fee Amendment

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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action dated February 27, 2002 in the above-referenced application, applicant amends the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 2 as follows:

- B1*
2. (Amended) A packaging machine comprising:
a cylindrical chute;
means for bending an elongated bag-making film into a tubular form around said chute by mutually overlapping side edges of said film;
a heater unit for longitudinally sealing said mutually overlapping side edges of said